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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Election of Species contained in the Office Action dated June 19, 2009, the Applicant hereby elects Species IX (Figure 46), and the Sub-species D (Figure 52).

Claims 232-236 and 239-253 read on the elected species and sub-species.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement since all of species I - XIV are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for species IX would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for species I-XIV. In addition, applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement since all of sub-species A-G are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for sub-species D would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for sub-species A-G. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that search and examination of all species herein could be made without serious burden.